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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE, K.Z. ANUZHIS

REF: BRUSSELS 1665

1. BELGIAN AUTHORITIES INFORMED THE EMBASSY THIS MORNING THAT AT 10:20 A.M. MARCH 20 ANUZHIS LEFT HOTEL WHERE SURETE HAD INSTALLED HIM AND HAS NOT RETURNED. ANUZHIS LEFT HOTEL FIVE MINUTES AFTER COMPLETING DISCUSSION WITH SURETE INSPECTOR OF FORMALITIES RELATED TO HIS ASYLUM REQUEST AND 25 MINUTES BEFORE ANOTHER INSPECTOR ARRIVED TO ESCORT ANUZHIS TO A MEETING WITH A SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHICH ANUZHIS REPORTEDLY HAD REQUESTED THE BELGIANS TO ARRANGE. ANUZHIS DID NOT CHECK OUT OF THE HOTEL BUT HIS RAZOR WAS GONE. BELGIAN AIRPORT AND SEAPORT AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF ANUZHIS' DISAPPEARANCE IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT HIS BEING TAKEN OUT OF BELGIUM INVOLUNTARILY.

2. BELGIAN AUTHORITIES STATE THAT ANUZHIS HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION THAT HE WAS RECONSIDERING HIS DECISION TO STAY  
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IN THE WEST. ON MARCH 19 HE ASKED, SO WE ARE INFORMED,

THAT THE BELGIANS ARRANGE A MEETING WITH A SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL SO HE COULD HAVE SOVIET AUTHORITIES NOTIFY HIS PARENTS THAT HE WAS IN THE WEST. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR VLADIMIR GNEVASHEV WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MARCH 20 AT 10:30 AM, WHERE HE AT FIRST AGREED TO MEET WITH ANUZHIS BUT DEMURRED WHEN HE LEARNED THE MEETING WAS TO OCCUR AT SURETE HEADQUARTERS RATHER THAN AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. GNEVASHEV STATED THAT THIS MADE ANUZHIS' CASE A CONSULAR MATTER FOR WHICH HE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE. GNEVASHEV LEFT THE MINISTRY AND AT 11:00 AM THE SOVIET EMBASSY CALLED THE MINISTRY TO ASK THAT THE MEETING WITH ANUZHIS BE POSTPONED. AT 6:00 PM, A TRANSWORLD MARINE SHIPPING AGENCY (JOINT SOVIET-BELGO VENTURE IN ANTWERP) CALLED THE BELGIAN FOREIGN POLICE, OSTENSIBLY ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AND ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN "ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS" IN THE ANUZHIS CASE.

3. PRIOR TO HIS DISAPPEARANCE ANUZHIS HAD WRITTEN AND SIGNED AT THE US EMBASSY REQUEST FOR ASYLUM IN BOTH THE RUSSIAN AND LITHUANIAN LANGUAGES, COMPLETED ALL FORMALITIES WITH THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, AND PROVIDED BELGIAN AUTHORITIES WITH A REQUEST FOR ASYLUM WHICH HE HAD WRITTEN AND SIGNED IN RUSSIAN.

4. BELGIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT KNOW IF THE SOVIETS REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING ON MARCH 20 BECAUSE AN APPROPRIATE SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, OR BECAUSE ANUZHIS WAS THEN IN SOVIET CUSTODY.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE ANUZHIS WAS SEIZED BY SOVIETS. HE WAS WELL RECEIVED BY BELGIAN AUTHORITIES AND MAINTAINED IN COMFORTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED. IF HE IS NOW IN SOVIET CUSTODY, A CHANGE OF HEART AND REDEFECTION WOULD SEEM MOST PROBABLE.  
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